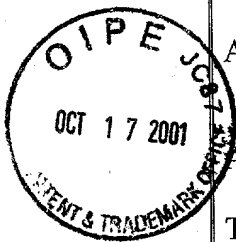


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Assignee: KLA-Tencor Corporation  
Title: Periodic Patterns and Technique to Control Misalignment (As Amended)  
Serial No.: 09/833,084 Filing Date: April 10, 2001  
Docket No.: 11547 M-10703 US

San Francisco, California  
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED

Dear Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application - Filing Date Granted" mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 6, 2001, the following documents are enclosed to complete the filing of the above-identified patent application:

1. Declaration signed by the inventors in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63;
2. Assignment;
3. Preliminary Amendment;
4. Submission of Formal Drawings consisting of twenty-two sheets;
5. Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 with copies of cited references;
6. Petition for Extension of Time; and
7. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application - Filing

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It is hereby respectfully submitted that the enclosed documents complete the filing of the above patent application and justify the filing date of April 10, 2001. Please telephone the undersigned at (415) 217-6000, if there are any questions. This form is being submitted in duplicate.

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1012.
  - \$612 for 34 total claims over 20.
  - \$400 for 5 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1852.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch) and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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